

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 19 and 27 have been amended to change the phrase “substantial portion” to “at least a portion” in accordance with the Examiner’s remarks. Support for this change can be found on page 9 lines 3-5.

To correct a typographical error, the specification has been amended to change “potion” to “portion” on page 9, line 4 and “utilitized” to “utilized” on page 9, line 12.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-34 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite due to the term “substantial portion”. Although applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s assertion as the word “substantial” or “substantially” is frequently found to be definite because one skilled in the art can understand the scope of the claims (MPEP 2173.05(b)). However, to further prosecution, applicant has amended the claims to remove the word “substantial portion” and replace it with “at least a portion”. “At least a portion” can be any part up to and including the whole, and support for this change can be found on page 9, lines 3-5 of the disclosure. The applicant has amended claims 1, 9, 19, and 27 to overcome the Examiner’s rejection. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, rejections for claims 1-34 be removed.

Rejections under 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

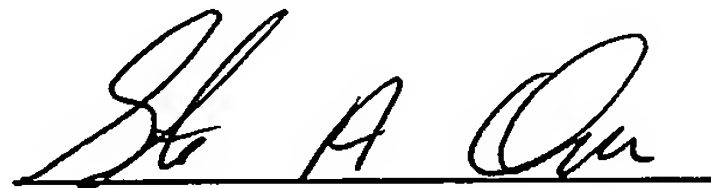
Claims 1-34 were rejected for incorporating by reference a foreign patent. Applicant wishes to point out to the Examiner that this art was cited to show the state of the art relating to various power cycles at the time of the disclosure, therefore, none of the material in WO-02/063141 is essential to applicant’s invention. In addition, applicant has amended the specification to remove the incorporation by reference for WO-

02/063141. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection for claims 1-34 be removed.

Conclusion

Applicant maintains that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection(s), remove all rejections, and pass the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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